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In Re Application of: Masahito

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- No additional fee is required. 1
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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